



Proposed Code Change

State Form 41186R

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CODE SERVICES SECTION
302 W. Washington Street Room W246
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Only TYPED copy accepted.

(KEY – Dashed line through material to be deleted, underline material to be added)

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Code Title IRC 2009		Edition 2009
Section number and title R303 Light, Ventilation and Heating		Page 53
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PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
Add exception # 4. to R303.1 Habitable rooms. <u>#4. Habitable attics shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.</u>		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
<p>A habitable attic is by definition a place to be used for storage, not unlike a large walk-in closet found in other areas of a typical home. Currently, no light or ventilation requirements exist for walk-in closets, regardless of size. A "habitable attic" is not a "living space" until such time as it is converted into a living space which would then require the converted space to comply with all the requirements contained in those sections of this code involving light, ventilation, egress, smoke detection and other pertinent requirements. The code currently provides requirements necessary to make a change in use from attic to living space at the time that said change is made or approved. It is unreasonable to expect a homeowner to be forced by code to invest in features which may never be needed or used.</p> <p>This code change will provide cost relief to those homeowners who may not wish to invest in costs for features they may never use.</p>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve 24-0-0 7/9/09		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study Tabled 24-0-0 6/11/09		